

Application No. 10/824,191  
Filed: April 14, 2004  
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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. The Examiner has objected to claims 3, 5-8, 10 and 13 and rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11, 12 and 14-19. The specification has been amended herein. Applicant has included claims 20-26 by amendment to recite the subject matter that the Examiner has deemed allowable. Applicant has also canceled claims 1-19 herein. The amendments have support within the specification such that new matter has not been presented. Claims 20-26 are to be pending upon entry of the amendments herein.

Amendments to the claims should not be construed as acquiescence to the rejections by the Examiner and were provided solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in the present or a separate application(s).

Applicant also respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections by the Examiner in view of amendments presented herein.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 3, 5-8, 10 and 13. The Examiner has also indicated that claims 3, 5-8, 10 and 13 recite subject matter that would be allowable. Applicant has presented claims 20-26 to include the subject matter of claims 3, 5-8, 10 and 13 as deemed allowable by the Examiner. Applicant submits that claims 20-26 should be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the amendments presented herein, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections by the Examiner and allowance of the application with pending claims 20-26 are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is also encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

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